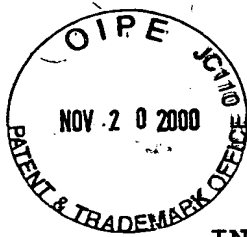


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 15, 2000 OFFICE
ACTION AND PETITION FOR A FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a June 15, 2000 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 15, 2000 Office Action was originally due October 15, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a four month extension of time for a small entity is \$695.00 and a check which includes this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the June 15, 2000 Office Action is now due November 15, 2000. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-5 and 58-66 without prejudice or disclaimer

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